CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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Date: Monday, December 29, 2014

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CALTRANS ANNOUNCES STATE ROUTE 99 EXTENDED OFF-RAMP CLOSURE IN MADERA COUNTY

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Security Paving, Inc. announce a long-term continuous closure of the northbound (NB) State Route (SR) 99 Avenue 12 off-ramp in Madera County as part of the on-going *State Route 99 Avenue 12 Interchange Improvement Project;* however, upcoming weather conditions may require this closure to be postponed for several weeks. This off-ramp closure is necessary to allow crews to continue construction operations on the next phase of this project.

During this extended closure, eastbound and westbound traffic will be shifted to the north onto the new Avenue 12 overcrossing allowing crews to safely begin grading and reconfiguring the work area just south of the new overcrossing. During this next phase, the southbound Avenue 12 off-ramp, northbound Avenue 12 on-ramp, and Road 29 North will be open to motorists.

Monday, January 5th (weather permitting) <u>a long-term continuous closure</u> is scheduled to take place for up to 10-months for the following off-ramp:

State Route 99: Northbound Avenue 12 off-ramp Detour: (See Map)

• EXIT AT AVENUE 9; TURN RIGHT; FOLLOW DETOUR SIGNS; TURN LEFT ONTO ROAD 33½; CONTINUE NORTH TO ACCESS AVENUE 12. Portable message signage will be in place along northbound State Route 99 advising motorists of designated detour route.

Motorists are reminded that the southbound State Route 99 Avenue 12 loop on-ramp remains closed; please continue to utilize designated detour route already in place. Closure schedules may change or occur for longer periods of time if necessary due to unexpected delays caused by unforeseen weather conditions or uncontrollable events which may occur during construction.

Caltrans and Security Paving would like to thank the residents, businesses and commuters for their patience during this improvement project. The public is asked to allow additional time to their commute and to drive with extra care while traveling through this construction area; also please "Slow for the Cone Zone" at all times.

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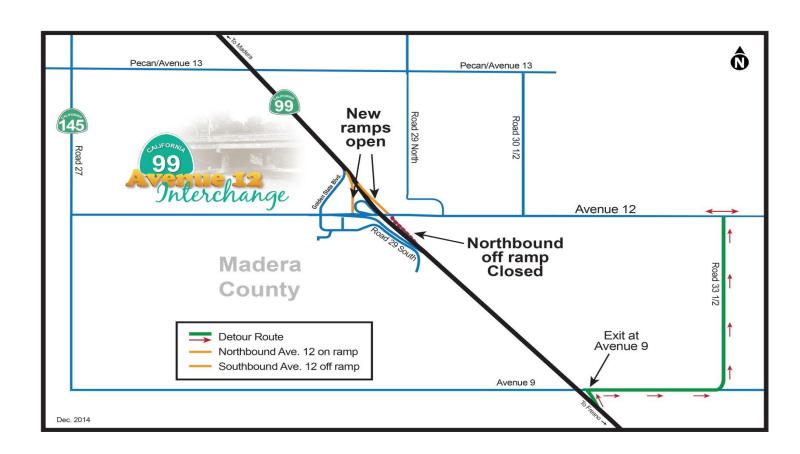


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Northbound State Route 99-Avenue 12 Detour -Extended Off-Ramp Closure-



Detour Route: 4.6 miles or 8 minutes

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